

SSB 5963 - H AMD 550

By Representative Green

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1 On page 23, after line 23, insert the following:

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3 "Sec. 4. RCW 50.20.120 and 2009 c 3 s 3 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Except as provided in RCW 50.20.--- (section 2, chapter 3, Laws
6 of 2009), benefits shall be payable as provided in this section.

7 (1) For claims with an effective date on or after April 4, 2004,
8 benefits shall be payable to any eligible individual during the
9 individual's benefit year in a maximum amount equal to the lesser of
10 twenty-six times the weekly benefit amount, as determined in
11 subsection (2) of this section, or one-third of the individual's
12 base year wages under this title.

13 (2)(a) For claims with an effective date on or after April 24,
14 2005, and before January 3, 2010, an individual's weekly benefit
15 amount shall be an amount equal to three and eighty-five one-
16 hundredths percent of the average quarterly wages of the
17 individual's total wages during the two quarters of the individual's
18 base year in which such total wages were highest.

19 (b) For claims with an effective date on or after January 3,
20 2010, and before January 3, 2016:

21 (i) Except as provided in (ii) of this subsection, an
22 individual's weekly benefit amount shall be an amount equal to four
23 percent of the average quarterly wages of the individual's total
24 wages during the two quarters of the individual's base year in which
25 such total wages were highest.

26 (ii) An individual's weekly benefit amount shall be an amount
27 equal to three and eighty-five one-hundredths percent of the average

1 quarterly wages of the individual's total wages during the two
2 quarters of the individual's base year in which such total wages
3 were highest if the commissioner determines that:

4 (A) Additional compensation is payable pursuant to section 2002
5 of the American recovery and reinvestment act of 2009 or a
6 substantially similar federal law, or pursuant to RCW 50.20.---
7 (section 2, chapter 3, Laws of 2009), or a substantially similar
8 state law; or

9 (B) The balance in the unemployment compensation fund is an
10 amount that will provide fewer than eight months of unemployment
11 benefits.

12 (c) For claims with an effective date on or after January 3,
13 2016, an individual's weekly benefit amount shall be an amount equal
14 to four percent of the average quarterly wages of the individual's
15 total wages during the two quarters of the individual's base year in
16 which such total wages were highest.

17 (3) The maximum and minimum amounts payable weekly shall be
18 determined as of each June 30th to apply to benefit years beginning
19 in the twelve-month period immediately following such June 30th.

20 (a) The maximum amount payable weekly shall be either four
21 hundred ninety-six dollars or sixty-three percent of the "average
22 weekly wage" for the calendar year preceding such June 30th,
23 whichever is greater.

24 (b) The minimum amount payable weekly shall be fifteen percent
25 of the "average weekly wage" for the calendar year preceding such
26 June 30th.

27 (4) If any weekly benefit, maximum benefit, or minimum benefit
28 amount computed herein is not a multiple of one dollar, it shall be
29 reduced to the next lower multiple of one dollar."

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31 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal
32 references accordingly.

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34 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Specifies that, for claims on or after January 3, 2010, the multiplier used to calculate an individual's weekly benefit amount is 4.0 percent. However, for claims on or after January 3, 2010, and before January 3, 2016, the multiplier is 3.85 percent (same as current law) if additional federal or state compensation is payable or the balance in the trust fund is less than 8 months of benefits.

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